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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, UR, WB

SUBJECT: INCIDENT IN SOUTH CORRIDOR

REFS: (A) USBERLIN 861; (B) USBERLIN 11

(C) USBERLIN 35; (D) USBERLIN 548;

(E) USBERLIN 636; (F) USBERLIN 718;

(G) STATE 74987

1. SUMMARY: AGREED ALLIED PROTEST STATEMENT ON MAY 5

NEAR-MISS INCIDENT IN SOUTH CORRIDOR DELIVERED MAY 7

SIMULTANEOUSLY VIA BASC AND POLITICAL CHANNELS. AT

ROUGHLY SAME TIME PROTEST STATEMENT WAS BEING

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MADE, BRITISH AIRCRAFT HAD DANGEROUS ENCOUNTER WITH

TWIN-ENGINE SOVIET FIGHTER IN CENTER CORRIDOR. WE STRESSED OUR EXPECTATION THAT APPROPRIATE STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO PREVENT RECURRENCES. SINCE WE HAVE NOW HAD FOUR SUCH INCIDENTS IN RECENT PAST, WE RECOMMEND AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND CONSIDER RAISING SOVIET VIOLATIONS OF CORRIDOR FLIGHT RULES DURING MAY 12 LUNCHEON WITH ABRASIMOV. END SUMMARY.

2. INCIDENT REPORTED REF A WAS THIRD DANGEROUS OCCURRENCE IN SAME GENERAL AREA OF SOUTH CORRIDOR SINCE DECEMBER (REFS B-F). MAY 5 INCIDENT ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF ATTITUDE AND VERY HIGH RATE OF SPEED AT WHICH TWO AIRCRAFT CONVERGED.

3. AT 1545 MAY 6, SOVIET DUTY KAW;QWK,R/W6\*B:\$P  
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6 SHORTLY AFTER ALLIED STATEMENT DELIVERED, BRITISH  
REPORTED DANGEROUS INCIDENT IN CENTER CORRIDOR 60  
NAUTICAL MILES WEST OF BERLIN. AT 1040 (LOCAL) TWIN-  
JET SWEPT WING AIRCRAFT WITH RED STAR ON FUSELAGE FLEW  
ALONG RIGHT SIDE INBOUND BRITISH MILITARY TRANSPORT,  
CUT TO LEFT, AND PASSED 50 YARDS AHEAD OF  
TRANSPORT. SOVIET DUTY CONTROLLER WAS INFORMED AND  
ASKED TO INVESTIGATE ASAP.

7 COMMENT: COUNTING BRITISH INCIDENT MAY 7 WE  
HAVE FOUR DANGEROUS  
INCIDENTS IN CORRIDORS SINCE DECEMBER, LAST TWO  
AND MOST FLAGRANT IN PAST WEEK. EACH INCIDENT  
REPRESENTED VIOLATION OF QUADRIPARTITE  
FLIGHT RULES. WE BELIEVE AMBASSADOR  
HILLENBRAND MAY WISH TO CONSIDER RAISING CONDUCT  
OF SOVIET AIR FORCE IN AIR CORRIDORS WITH AMBASSADOR  
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ABRASIMOV DURING MAY 12 LUNCHEON, ACKNOWLEDGING  
SOVIETS HAVE NOT NECESSARILY HAD  
TIME TO RESPOND TO LOWER-LEVEL PROTESTS MADE MAY 7  
BUT THAT LUNCH WAS CONVENIENT TIME TO RAISE WHAT IS  
SERIOUS ISSUE FOR ALLIES. (US POLAD MENTIONED  
MAY 5 AND MAY 7 INCIDENTS BRIEFLY TO SOVIET COUNSELOR KHOTULEV AT  
CZECH RECEPTION MAY 7, NOTING ONLY THAT WE WERE MUCH CONCERNED WITH  
DANGEROUS SITUATION AND WOULD HAVE MORE TO SAY ON MATTER).

8. AMBASSADOR COULD REFER TO SOVIET BASC RESPONSE IN REGARD TO DEC.  
23 INCIDENT WHEN SOVIET CHIEF CONTROLLER SAID QUOTE MY COMMAND IS  
ALSO INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING THE FLIGHT SAFETY OF ALL  
AIRCRAFT OVER GDR TERRITORY AND WILL TAKE CORRESPONDING MEASURES TO  
AVOID DANGEROUS APPROACHES OF AIRCRAFT IN THE BCZ AND AIR CORRIDORS  
UNQUOTE. HE COULD POINT OUT THAT WE HOPE SOVIET STATEMENT REMAINS  
AN EARNEST OF FUTURE SOVIET INTENTIONS CONCERNING SAFETY OF FLIGHT IN  
CORRIDORS, AND EXPRESS DISMAY THAT TWO DANGEROUS INCIDENTS, WHICH IN  
US WOULD HAVE LED TO EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATIONS BY FAA AS NEAR-MISSES,  
COULD HAVE OCCURRED DURING SPACE OF THREE DAYS. HE MIGHT SUGGEST  
THAT ENTIRE PURPOSE OF BASC IS TO ENSURE FLIGHT SAFETY, THAT SOVIETS  
ARE INFORMED THROUGH BASC OF WHEREABOUTS OF AIRCRAFT, AND THAT SYSTEM

SERVES LITTLE PURPOSE IF SOVIET AIRCRAFT NEVERTHELESS APPROACH ALLIED  
AIRCRAFT SO CLOSELY AND AT SUCH HIGH SPEEDS.

9. SHOULD ABRASIMOV CHOOSE TO RESURFACE DROPPED CAMERA INCIDENT  
(REF G AND PREVIOUS), WE COULD NOTE THAT IN OUR STATEMENT ON INCIDENT  
WE UNDERTOOK TO EXERCISE EVERY CAUTION TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE

NO OCCURRENCE CONTRARY TO ANY PROVISION OF THE QUADRIPARTITELY  
-AGREED PROCEDURES AND THAT WE SHOULD EXPECT SOVIETS TO DO  
SAME.

10. USCOB CONCURS.GEORGE

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